

Dear members of the University of Oregon community,

We, the undersigned, wish to express our public distress at the passage of Measure 36, the constitutional amendment defining marriage as a relationship only between a man and a woman.* We are especially troubled by the fact that the initiative garnered a narrow majority of the votes cast in Lane County. We fear that the passage of this initiative sends a message of exclusion and animus toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community.

The LGBTQ community is a vital, crucial, and valued part of the broader university and of our society as a whole. Many of our students, staff, faculty, and administrators are members of the LGBTQ community, and many more people at the University of Oregon believe fervently, have worked for, and will continue to work for, equal rights for all.

We are one community of equals. It is our collective duty to make sure that the University of Oregon remains a welcoming environment for all of our students and friends and to continue the fight for equal rights for the LGBTQ community.

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